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Sachsen, 17.1; Sachsen-Anhalt, 24.8; Thuringen, 23; Brandenburg, 27; and
Mecklenburg - 46.5.

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Many parents are having their children tattooed secretly, to make sure that they will be able to identify them after the separation which they expect to take place as the result of forced resettlements now being carried out in the Danube regions of the Satellite countries. These resettlements are affecting large numbers of Danube Swabians in Rumania.

As is well known, during the course of such deportations children are generally separated from their parents, placed in institutions, and given new names. This emergency action taken by the desperate parents has incurred the disapproval of the government, and Hungarian police have closed numerous tattooing establishments.

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